

**Town of Vernon Economic Development Commission
Regular Meeting of September 15, 2010**

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Commissioners Present: Jeffrey Cohen, Chairman, Bill Breslau, Bruce Kellogg, Bill McGurk,
Peter Olson, James Sendrak
Town Staff Present: Marina Rodriguez

1. Public Forum: None present

2. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Commissioner Breslau, seconded by Commissioner Olson, the minutes of August 18, 2010 were approved.

3. Administrative Items

Communications and Correspondence: correspondence was circulated.

4. Update on Implementation of EDC Priorities

A. Plan of Conservation & Development (POCD): Bill Breslau reported that he, Tim Ackert, Peter Olson and Marina Rodriguez met with the PZC Subcommittee working on the Plan to discuss the Development component. EDC comments were submitted. Bill will continue to monitor this. The draft Infrastructure component (Booklet #6) is now available. You can review the draft components online at the Town web site www.vernon-ct.gov under News / Announcements click on Plan of Conservation & Development. You can submit comments directly to the Town Planner lturndermann@vernon-ct.gov or the Planning consultant h.samokar@planimetrics.net.

B. Intermodal Transportation Center: Bruce Kellogg reported on the Town Council meeting where this proposal was presented for approval. The Center would be located at the commuter lot on Hartford Turnpike by Exit 65; the total project cost is \$6.3M including the local match of approximately \$1.5M. The Council discussed the proposal and options. Council was concerned about spending money for the match; it was voted down 6-5. The Commission asked Bruce to continue monitoring this issue.

C. Tax incentives: staff researched potential tax incentives for economic development. The Commission expressed the importance of being involved in this initiative. The EDC agreed for Jeff Cohen to place it as a separate agenda item for the next meeting.

D. Alternative Energy: James Sendrak reminded staff about inviting Mr. Rienbold and Mr. Boulrice. Staff will try to schedule it for October.

5. Economic Development Status Update

Staff distributed the update report dated September 15, 2010 and answered questions. On a motion by Commissioner Breslau, seconded by Commissioner McGurk, the EDC unanimously agreed to support the proposed zoning text amendment to eliminate incremental setbacks and keep the standard setbacks in the PDZ Exit 67 zoning district.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Marina C. Rodriguez, AICP, CED Coordinator & ATP

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